
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Sally Cernie, Kathye Crumley, Susie Doss, Christina Duran, Albert Figueroa, Shirley Hanagan, Cindy Jensen, Gurumantra Khalsa, Jeff Kraus, Taffi Romero, Melvin Ryman, Erin Snyder, Nancy Strummer, and John E. Williams

Members Excused: Kirk Beck, Michael Pierpoint, and Paul Van Doren

Members Unexcused: Dan Gressman

Guests: Lorraine Saint, Conchita Giles Marquez, Paul Chavez, Dave McNiel, Tony Brown, Rosemarie Brown, Norm Gritton, Patricia Ryman, and Karen Wright

Staff: Bruni Mercado, City Manager’s Office

1. **Call to Order/Introductions** – Gurumantra Khalsa called meeting to order at 6:31 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes for September 10, 2007** – Motion to approve the minutes.
(Snyder/Ryman/Carried)
3. **Elections** – Erin Snyder provided subcommittee report for RNP Elections and brought forth names the subcommittee recommended for Chair and Vice Chair. The board voted and approved the following:
 - Taffi Romero - Chair
 - Erin Snyder – First Vice Chair
 - Albert Figueroa – Second Vice Chair

Taffi Romero took over the meeting as Chair from this point on.

4. **Visiting Councilmember**

Andy Melendrez: Neighborhood Associations Updates

- *Sycamore Highland Community Action Group* — DHL will be returning to meet with the group regarding aircraft noise. Mayor Ron Loveridge and Councilman Frank Schiavone will attend. Residents in this area also are having problems with youth drinking and hanging out at Sycamore Highland Park. The City is addressing the issue by installing lights and sprinkler system to deter negative activity at the park.
- *University Neighborhood Association* —This group has been involved in having UCR’s Environmental Health & Safety Facility moved to the other side of the freeway on Martin Luther King Blvd. and Canyon Crest away from residential homes.
- *Howard Avenue Neighbor*—This is a new group in the Eastside area who are currently addressing train noise that set off car alarms, a house with negative activity, and speeding issues.
- *Lincoln Park Neighborhood Group*—Bob Linder of BRE Properties, Inc. met with the group again to discuss development projects in their area. The group is doing well.
- *7th Street Historic District Neighborhood*—Residents of the historic Mission Inn District are having to address prostitution issues. They have been meeting with RPD to discuss the prostitution issue and are working with Code Enforcement to address code violations in their neighborhood.
- *Dwight St. Neighborhood Association*—This group is doing well, alleys are much cleaner and graffiti has decreased.

5. Concerns from Visiting Neighbors

None at this time

6. Housing and Neighborhoods Report

- Bruni announced that Housing & Neighborhoods staff would forward Lorraine Saint's name to the Mayor's Nominating & Screening Committee at their October 19 meeting. Lorraine will represent the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce on the RNP Board. Bruni also informed the Board that the Executive Director of the Riverside Chambers of Commerce will begin sharing RNP literature at all Chamber division meetings over the next month and will seek to fill the other vacant seats under the Chamber category.
- Bruni mentioned the Leadership Riverside 2007 Neighborhood Emergency Preparation Training to the Board and suggested the Board establish a subcommittee to oversee. Members of Leadership Riverside will provide training to RNP Board at the November meeting.

7. Matching Grant Subcommittee Report

Colony East Neighborhood Association

- Taffi Romero provided subcommittee report regarding the Colony East Neighborhood Association's application for a Neighborhood Matching Grant for their neighborhood block party membership drive. Tony Brown provided a brief description of the group's plan. Board voted and approved.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Emergency Preparedness Training
- Neighborhood Matching Grant - the group would like to add Neighborhood Matching Grant as a permanent agenda item as a reminder of the program and processes/deadlines associated with it.
- RNP Outreach – attending neighborhood meetings and do more outreach.
- RUSD & Alvord School District Representation on RNP Board

9. Other Items/Public Comment

- RNP requested the status of Neighborhood Association Update Letter
- RNP requested the status of Applicant Thank You Letter to those who did not qualify
- Announcements
 - City of Riverside Outstanding Contribution to Local History Awards seeking nominations of people who have contributed to the preservation of Riverside. Sponsored by Cultural Heritage Board.
 - Colony East Neighborhood Association Block Party – October 6, 2007 – 4-7:30pm.

10. Next Meeting November 5, 2007– Mayor's Ceremonial Room

11. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned